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McManus marks annual Capitol Cherry Day

Lansing – State Sen. Michelle A. McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, ushered in the annual Capitol Cherry day by welcoming the 2003 Cherry Festival Queen, Kelly Plucinski, members of the Antrim Cherry Growers and representatives from Leelanau and Manistee counties to the Capitol during session Tuesday.

Cherry Festival Queen Kelly Plucinski was accompanied by Joe Merillat and Pat McGuire of Antrim Cherry Growers, Roger Noonan of Leelanau County, and John Bull of Manistee County.

“The National Cherry Festival has a long and rich tradition that dates back almost 80 years,” McManus said. “I’m proud to welcome the festival representatives and the queen to Lansing for the annual Capitol Cherry Day.”

The National Cherry Festival in Traverse City will showcase more than 150 events this July 3-10, including parades, music shows, sporting events, marching bands and the crowning of the 2004 – 2005 Cherry Festival Queen. The National Cherry Festival Queen competition dates back to 1925 and awards scholarships to the top five finishers.

For details on the upcoming National Cherry Festival, visit: www.cherryfestival.org.

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Editors note: A downloadable photo of McManus with Cherry Festival Queen Kelly Plucinski is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/McManus/McManus.htm>.